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#### MY THANKS FOR THIS ISSUE

I wish to express my deep gratitude to the following people who made it possible for VILTIS to be issued: Mrs. Charlotte Chen, Mrs. Jerry Joris, Mr. Ira Glick and Al Valas . . . Thank you.

Speaking of Jerry Joris . . . She is a "she" not a "he." Formal name: Mrs. Albert Joris.

#### LATEST NEWS ABOUT VYTS

Since Mid November Vyts has greatly improved and he is in a happy frame of mind.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL AT JCRS

On Sunday, Dec. 16th the Sherwood Club of Steele Community Center and the Mile-Hi Club presented an International Folk Festival at the JCRS Sanatorium Theatre in Spivak. The program was well received and enjoyed by the patients. Vyts. Beliajus was wheeled down to MC the program.

#### REGARDING THIS ISSUE

October was a very tough month for me. A spontaneous pneumothorax (collapse of the lung of its own accord) took place in my left lung. The doctors had been discussing the possibility of performing an artificial pneumothorax, which would have taken three months with the use of certain injections to achieve what has actually occurred in a matter of minutes. However, it made things extremely difficult for me and was most painful. I could barely breath, eat or talk. I was in the throes of despair (and mighty scared, too). Finally, I decided that instead of being so sorry for myself I would work on a Christmas issue of "Viltis." It has helped to keep my mind occupied and to forget the pain. Another miraculous thing is that in spite of all the discomforts, lack of food, and fretting, I lost not a single pound of weight. I still weigh in at 93 pounds, thanks to God!

In actuality this issue of "Viltis" is merely a "news-exchange". The real reason for its being is to bring to al of you my profound gratitude for your friendship and many kindnesses and to wish you a most joyous holiday season and a happy year.

Vyts

#### NON-DENVERITE VISITORS TO VYTS AT SPIVAK

(In order of visits)

Lois Stone, Rochester, New York; Mr. Ed Bossing, Hinsdale, Illinois; Jerry Joris and Frances Wennberg, Chicago, Illinois; Lt. Arden Johnson, Myrtle Hoppe, Emily Hartzell and Bud Baadsgaard, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gill Staupe, Virginia, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hoden, San Antonio, Texas; Robert Garb, Chicago; Walter Williams, Portland, Oregon; Red Henderson, Spokane, Washington; Peg Almond, San Francisco, California; Bill Castner, Berkeley, California; Mr. and Mrs. John Wald, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Giori, Buffalo (Grand Island), New York; Mr. and Mrs. Manley, Holtville, California; Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Hoffmeister, St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Swing, Wichita Falls, Kansas; Edwards, Jr., Hinsdale, Illinois; Kayo (Carolyn) Brede, Minneapolis, Minnesota; James Larson, Santa Cruz, California; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Spear, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Prof. Ralph Piper, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Rene Loesch, Seattle, Washington; John Taylor, ET3, during his flight to Hawaii from Key West, Florida. (No doubt there will have been others by the time this has gone to press.)

Denverite friends drop in fairly often, but the following are regular visitors: Al and Betty Geary, Bob Allison, Ray Mathews and Bill Curry.

#### UNIVERSITY DANCERS ENTERTAIN FOREIGN STUDENTS

The University Folk Dancers of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, were chosen to entertain visiting university students from Iceland, Norway, France, Denmark and Eire with a program of folk dancing. The visitors are in this country to study American farm methods. The UFD's, under the capable direction of Bud Baadsgaard, are kept busy giving performances because of their excellent dancing, and have rated a page spread in the *Minneapolis Daily*.